M.R. G. 1—30,000—16-10-29.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	3108	Press ~~Mis.~~
198-200 Dated	14-12-	1868

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th December 1868.

Read the following :—

No. 198. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1868, No. 4,627.

Read the following letter from R. RAGHUNATH ROW, Deputy Collector, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1868.

1. Now that all the lands required for the line of the Erode extension of the Great Southern of India Railway have been fully made over, and nearly the whole amount of compensation has been disbursed, I beg to submit the following report on the execution of the commission issued to me in Proceedings of the Board and Government noted in the margin.

Board's Proceedings, dated 21st October 1864, No. 6,966.
Government Proceedings, dated 8th December 1864, No. 2,222.

2. Before the date of my appointment to this special duty, the line had been fixed. It appears that more than two lines had been proposed, and the one through the richest paddy-fields was adopted by Government. Any other to the distance of two or three miles to the south of the present one would have proved considerably less costly than the present one, as the former would have traversed through mostly dry lands, and would not have penetrated through so many village sites.

3. The length of the line within the limits of this district from Trichinopoly is 52 miles, 6 chains, 45 links, and passes through the following villages of the Trichinopoly and Cooloottalai Talooks :—

Trichinopoly Talooks.

1. Shengulum.
2. Audagundan.
3. Tennoor.
4. Vadavoor.
5. Iyenvadanoor.
6. Chintamary.
7. Terootantoney.
8. Mullachepuram.
9. Cummarashumpettay.
10. Moorangapittay.
11. Mutharasanellore.
12. Taloor.
13. Allore.
14. Kadeyacooroochy.
15. Mykoodoo.
16. Teroochendoray.
17. Ummangudi.
18. Audunellore.
19. Yelamanoor.
20. Covil Terupalattoray.
21. Terupalattoray.
22. Gowrypooram.
23. Meenacheepuram.
24. Peroogamany.
25. Theroogamany.
26. Pettavaya Tillay.
27. Palancavery.

Cooloottalai Talooks.

1. Coomaramungalum.
2. Maroodoor.
3. Rajandrum.
4. Muthubhupula Samoodrum.
5. Tunucarpully.
6. Koolittallay.
7. Vyganellore.
8. Davadanoms.
9. Manathuttay.
10. Vadryam.
11. Timmachepuram.
12. Umbasamudrum.
13. Teruvengudunellore.
14. Kurrappatoore.
15. Kullapally.
16. Chintatvady.
17. Nunduna Cuttay.
18. Cummanellore.
19. Payapoothoor.
20. Kristnarayapuram.
21. Chitti.
22. Tiroocumpalyore.
23. Mayanoor.
24. Manavashee.
25. Runganathupuram.
26. Cooloottalai.
27. Belaragapuram.
28. Karuppanaikampettay.
29. Mahadanpuram.
30. Veerayakyam.

4. The abstract appended to this paragraph will shew the particulars of the lands taken up in these two talooks under Classes A, B, and D:—

Talooks.		Inam.				Iyen.				Total.				Portuboke.				Total.				Grand Total.
		Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.	
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Trichinopoly		150·41	64·65	84·00	6·73	62·85	64·65	84·00	6·73	213·27	130·28	61·57	7·49	213·27	130·28	61·57	7·49	213·27	130·28	61·57	7·49	412·61
Coolouttalai		222·57	274·99	11·70	·11	4·53	14·69	...	1·83	227·10	289·68	11·7	1·83	227·10	289·68	11·7	1·83	227·10	289·68	11·7	1·83	612·30
Total...		372·98	339·64	95·70	6·84	67·38	79·34	84·00	6·84	440·37	419·96	73·27	8·32	440·37	419·96	73·27	8·32	440·37	419·96	73·27	8·32	1024·91

Talooks.	Portuboke.					Total.				Grand Total.
	House ground dry.	Government, dry.	Total.	Wet.	Dry.	Garden.	Tope.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		
Trichinopoly	10·61	26·45	37·06	213·27	130·28	61·57	7·49	412·61		
Coolouttalai	18·33	64·16	82·49	227·10	372·17	11·7	1·83	612·80		
Total...	28·94	90·61	119·55	440·37	502·45	73·27	8·32	1024·01		

5. These lands were owned by

	No.
Ryots	1,054
Inamdars	119
Householders, Charitable and Religious Institutions...	556
Total...	1,729

6. The whole extent consisted generally of the most valuable lands in the district, and bore high prices in the market, particularly the Manays or house grounds. The highest price paid to the best irrigated land amounted to Rupees

500 per acre. On the whole, the prices at which these wet lands were bought, were below those paid in private sales between ryots themselves. It is a matter of much satisfaction to report that I was forced in no case to have recourse to the provision of Act No. VI of 1857, notwithstanding the fact that people of this district are notoriously litigious, and too rich to care for spending any amount of money in litigation, even that exceeding the value of the damage done to them. All my settlement of prices were confirmed by Collectors before payment was made. There were two or three appeals preferred against them, and only in one instance was my arrangement modified, and that too at my recommendation.

7. For all enfranchised personal Inams, compensation was disbursed in money at double the Iyen rates for Surva Inams. The value of other Inams was fixed on this principle, with reference to the rates of quit-rent imposed on them.

8. I have experienced great difficulties in settling compensation for Service Inams. For these, remuneration in cash was not just, legal, or acceptable to their holders, for the loss sustained by them was not a fixed amount of money, but a certain undefined and ever varying quantity of grain. As the prices are also varying, to determine accurately and to the satisfaction of the parties concerned, the exact amount of remuneration in money was next to impossible. In this district, there are no Amani lands from which Government share is received in kind, so that they may be assigned over to the Inamdars, nor are such waste lands as might justly be handed over to them in lieu of those taken up. Thus there was only one alternative left for adoption, and that was to purchase cultivated lands bearing assessment equal to those of the Inams, and to hand these over to them. But this was no easy matter. The recent most liberal Revenue Settlement of the district, and the existing high prices of grains, and the great wealth which the Mirassidars have lately acquired, rendered the landholders most unwilling to sell their lands, offers of any price, however high, having no allurements for them to do so.

9. I conceived no better, easier, more economical, and satisfactory proposal for the disposal of such cases than the aforesaid one.

10. The rates paid to the house grounds are really high, but are not higher than those at which such lands are generally sold. In some cases, Mr. McDonell was compelled to sanction higher rates than I, and he would have paid under ordinary circumstance, owing to the confusion which unfortunately took place in the beginning of their settlement, the particulars of which are well known to the Board and Government.

11. Great care was adopted, and much trouble taken to prevent substantial houses and places of worship being destroyed, and I shall be wanting in my duty, if I here omit to mention that Mr. Logan, the late Chief Engineer of the Company, much aided me in my endeavours, and complied with many of my requests even at some inconveniences to him.

12. Under Class C, that is, land for which the Company have to pay, 82·7 acres have been made over to the Company, nearly half of it has been rented from the owners, their rent being paid to them through Government, by the Company.

13. From the accompanying Statement, the amount paid and payable will be seen.

14. The Board are aware of the difficulties I had to surmount in purchasing these lands, considering the stage at which this special work was handed over to

me. As to the mode in which it has been executed, I beg to refer the Board to the results, and hope that my endeavours to do the work satisfactorily will meet with the approval of the Honorable Board and Government.

15. Having been transferred from Trichinopoly, I am compelled to submit this report direct to the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

FORWARDED to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly for any remarks that he may wish to offer.

No. 199. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th November 1868, No. 7,860.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1868, No. 149 :—

1. Referring to the Board's Proceedings, as per margin, I have the honor to report that the statements contained in the letter, addressed to the Board by Deputy Collector R. Raghunath Row, embodied in the above Proceedings, are borne out by the records of this office. The statement which accompanied the above letter shews the amount of compensation disbursed up to the end of November last.

No. 4,627, dated the 23rd June 1868.

2. There is nothing in Deputy Collector Raghunath Row's letter calling for special remark.

THE Board resolve to submit the report to Government.

No. 200. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1868, No. 3,103.

Miscellaneous.

The Board are requested to report the amount for which the special sanction of Government is needed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

3C

4 c

No. 7,860.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th November 1868.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1868, No. 149:—

REFERRING to the Board's Proceedings, as per margin, I have the honour to report that the statements contained in the letter, addressed to the Board by Deputy Collector R. Raghunath Row, embodied in the above Proceedings, are borne out by the records of this office. The statement which accompanied the above letter shows the amount of compensation disbursed up to the end of November last.

No. 4,627, dated the 23rd June 1868.

2. There is nothing in Deputy Collector Raghunath Row's letter calling for special remark.

THE Board resolve to submit the report to Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Procs., 23rd June 1868, No. 4,627, and a Statement.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1868 Dec. 14.

To REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 14th.

Recd. Exd.

G. O., 14th December 1868, No. 3,108.

SECTION.

Nos. 193-200.

Land made over for Erode Railway Extension.—Board of Revenue to report the amount of compensation for which special sanction is needed.

W Ch 4538/14

Rs 2 Rowsth No 708 Land Disps
" 8 Decr/64 " 79450 Rds.

Perennie Disp^s
Par^l Govt for Decr
No. 3565.

Nr-3108

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1868.

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH NOVEMBER 1868, No. 7,860.

Dated 5
Dup 11 Nov/68.
Received 12 "

Encl 2.
1 Rs

NOVEMBER.

No. 7,860.

Rs 2 Rowsth/64 Decr 828

Transfer of Lands to G. S. I. Railway Company in Trichinopoly District,—Collector's letter reporting correctness of statements contained in Deputy Collector Ragoonatha Row's report of execution of special work entrusted to him in connection with, submitted to Government.

Nr 3108 of Decr 68

With order

The Board are requested to report the amount for which the Special sanction of Govt is needed.

14th Decem 68.

14 Copies Letter Bd of Rev Decr 68
to — Dis Depts

198200